

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figs. 1-3 have been labelled "PRIOR ART" in the manner shown in the appended replacement sheet. This amendment in combination with the amendments made to the specification as noted above, overcomes the objections set forth in paragraphs #2 and #3 of this Office Action.

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the proposed amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claim amendments have been proposed which overcome the rejections under 35 USC §§ 102, 103. More specifically, the allowable subject matter of claim 10 is presented as new claim 20. New claims 21-24 correspond in subject matter to claims 2-5. New independent claim 25 corresponds in subject matter to that contained in allowable claim 10 while new dependent claim 26 corresponds in subject matter to allowable claim 11.

Independent claims 1, 15, 17, 18, 20, 25 and dependent claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 16, 18, 21-24 and 26 now pend in this application.

Claim 1 has been amended to call for the first roller member to be driven with different drive parameters as a leading edge of the print media passes through the print zone. This feature is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Sakakibara nor in Osumi. The disclosure of these references relate solely to the position of the trailing edge (or back edge) and actions taken in dependence thereon. In fact, the drawings of both these references confirm that no aspect at all of the drive parameters is altered in dependence upon the leading edge. In other words, the position of the leading edge is completely ignored in these prior disclosures.

Similar amendment has been made to independent claims 15, 17 and 18 and similar arguments apply in respect thereof.

Since the independent claims are all believed to be allowable for the reasons stated above, the claims dependent thereon are also believed to be allowable.

The informalities identified in paragraph 4 of the Office Action have received attention.

The opportunity has been taken to correct an obvious typographical error in line 2 of claim 2.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims which remain in this application are now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the newly presented claims along with those amended in this response are courteously solicited.

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